

15 May 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with Chuck Snodgrass, House
Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense staff,
re Brummitt Case, 15 May 1979

1. This morning, I spoke to Chuck Snodgrass concerning the Brummitt matter, making the following points:

a. I have been informed by the responsible official that the Brummitt case is not suitable for waiver consideration since the investigative data is 27 years old, completely out of the ball park for waiver consideration.

b. That this decision could be appealed and in this case the appeal would lie with the DCI.

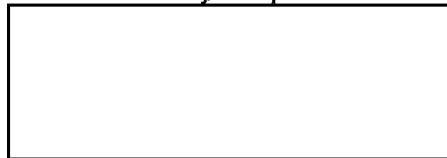
2. In light of the above, I observed that the outstanding request for Office of Security budget and personnel figures appears to be irrelevant and I would hope that we could avoid the expenditure of man power in order to obtain this data. Mr. Snodgrass insisted on obtaining this data and I told him I would seek to get it for him on his ASAP basis.

3. Regarding statistics on waivers, I relayed that no such statistics exist and to determine the number of waivers granted since 26 March would require a review of all security cases handled since then, which number in the thousands. Mr. Snodgrass found it incredible that we did not have an idea on the number of waivers granted. I replied that each case is judged on its own merit, but in the Brummitt case the determining official judged that it would be unreasonable to base a judgment on 27-year old data. Regarding an observation that Mr. Brummitt had been engaged in an intelligence review of sensitive Navy programs last year, I replied that two wrongs do not make a right and perhaps it would be more productive to determine the reasonableness of the earlier determination

4. I said we would send up the copy of DCID 1/14, which had been requested in Mr. Snodgrass' 10 May meeting with [] O/S, and Ms. Donahue and that he would be receiving a letter confirming the CIA STAT

point of contact for the Brummitt study soonest.

5. I characterized a concern that we may be deliberately impeding the Brummitt study by being unreasonable on Brummitt's security clearance as being far off the mark and said it had been my experience that we bend over backwards to be accommodating, citing the waivers for two other members of the Brummitt team.



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